

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 18-24 have been added. Claims 11-24 are pending. The claims have been amended, without prejudice. Support for the amended claims may be found throughout the specification, such as on page 12, line 4 to page 13, line 1 and Figures 1-7 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

To the extent not made moot by the above amendments, the Section 103 rejection of claims 1, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17 over Oishi (JP 2001-168367) is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the following distinguishing comments.

Attached is a copy of a machine English translation of Oishi and a PTO 1449 listing same. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 as acknowledgement of consideration of same.

Oishi fails to describe or suggest the claimed invention, such as are required in the revised claim 11 above.

Oishi describes a subassembly **17** generates electric power which is in turn passed through elastic cable **19** and then terminal box **7** and externally output from double glazing **1**. Figure 7 of the cited art also describes, for example, coiled cable **19** drawn in the direction of the thickness of the subassembly and connected to terminal box **7** provided at spacer **3**. Moreover, in Oishi, Figure 7 describes terminal box **7** being provided at spacer **3** of a portion having a guiding groove supporting subassembly **17**.

The configuration of Oishi provides a module disadvantageously increased in thickness, and furthermore, for example for maintenance, in replacing the subassembly with another, and the like when the subassembly is to be removed from the module it is necessary to disconnect a cable of a portion connecting the terminal box and the subassembly, which is a cumbersome operation.

In contrast, the presently claimed invention is configured such that a conductive wire is drawn out from an end of a subassembly and connected to a terminal box and the subassembly can be removed together with a spacer of a portion provided with the terminal box. The presently claimed invention overcomes the above-noted disadvantages of the cited art.

Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection based on same is requested.

To the extent not made moot by the above amendments, the Section 103 rejection of claims 2-4, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 16 over Oishi and Yoda (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-026455) is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the above and the following further comments.

The deficiencies of Oishi are noted above. The details of Yoda fail to cure the deficiencies of Oishi and the combination of cited art would not have made the claimed invention obvious.

Withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection over same is requested.

The Section 103 rejection of claim 5 over Oishi and Yaba (U.S. Patent No. 5,059,254) is moot in view of the above.

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The Section 103 rejection of claim 6 over Oishi and Ichinose (U.S. Patent No. 5,681,402) is moot in view of the above.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event anything further is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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